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Selectmen Minutes 09-09-2000

Saturday, September 9, 2000

Town Manager Candidate Interviews

Present: Mr. Greeley, Chairman, Mr. Lyons, Vice Chairman, Mrs. Dias, Mr. Hurd, Mrs. Mahon

Also Present: Ms. Cove, Mr. Paul Reaume, PAR Group Consultant, John Maher

8:30 a.m. – Discussion of Process for the Interviews

The Chairman gave his thoughts on the process to be used for the interviews. The Board then discussed thoughts and ideas on the process. The Board agreed that at the end of each interview the candidate would be told that Mr. Reaume would be in touch with them regarding any next steps. The Board then discussed the subject matter of the questions they intended to ask the candidates. The Board agreed that the questions should remain consistent for each of the four candidates. The Board took a break at 9:15 a.m.

The Board interviewed the following candidates:

9:45 a.m. – Stephen Daly, 16 North Road, North Reading, Massachusetts

11:00 a.m. – Philip Farrington, 172 Curtis Avenue, Stoughton, Massachusetts

1:00 p.m. – David Mekarski, 20445 Canal Drive, Grosse Ile, Michigan

2:15 p.m. – Thomas Wontorek, 11 Indian Hill Road, Farmington, Connecticut

The Board discussed next steps towards recruitment. Each Board member expressed their top two choices for further consideration. The Board commented on the high quality of all the candidates.

Mr. Lyons moved to further consider Mr. Wontorek. SO VOTED

Mr. Lyons moved to further consider Mr. Farrington. Mr. Lyons spoke to Mr. Farrington's depth of experience. The Board discussed the qualities of all the candidates.

Mr. Hurd and Mrs. Mahon spoke in support of further considering Mr. Mekarski. Mrs. Mahon asked that Mr. Lyons consider amending his motion to include Mr. Mekarski. Mr. Lyons asked that the candidates be voted separately.

On Mr. Lyons' motion 4-1, Mrs. Mahon voted in the negative. SO VOTED

Mrs. Mahon moved to further consider Mr. Mekarski.

2-3 Mr. Hurd and Mrs. Mahon voted in the affirmative. SO VOTED

Mr. Lyons moved to allow the consultant through the Chairman to arrange site visits.

The Board agreed to conduct site visits on Friday September 18th and to conduct final interviews on September 23rd at 12:00 p.m.

Executive Session

Mr. Lyons moved to convene in executive session for the purpose of discussing compensation for non union personnel and to reconvene in open session for the sole purpose of adjournment.

On Mr. Lyons' motion:

Mr. Greeley: yes

Mr. Lyons: yes
Mrs. Dias: yes
Mr. Hurd: yes
Mrs. Mahon: yes

The Board reconvened in open session at 4:50 p.m.
Mr. Lyons moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

A true record.
Attest:
Caryn E. Cove
Board Administrator